

Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The children of the world represent the hope for our future and the perpetuation of our people; and,

WHEREAS, The needs of our young should take precedent over all other needs and their well-being should be our top priority; and,

WHEREAS, In 1893, the Reverend and Mrs. W. B. Sherrard founded the South Dakota Children's Home Society as an orphanage to care for the needs of abandoned and orphaned children; and,

WHEREAS, The Society, which was incorporated as the first child welfare agency in the state, dedicated its next 70 years to placing thousands of homeless children in childless homes, thereby bringing life and hope to loving couples and brightened futures to lonely boys and girls; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Children's Home Society, in response to the changing needs of the state, has refocused its treatment on emotionally disturbed and learning disabled children, youth and families; and,

WHEREAS, The Society now operates three residential treatment centers in South Dakota serving more than 10,000 youth and families in the past nine years through orphanage care, special education and foster home services, emergency care, nursery services, shelter care, residential treatment, group home care, and home based services:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, and proud father of three healthy children, recognize the important needs fulfilled by the Children's Home Society and congratulate them on 89 years of dedicated service to the young people of South Dakota and do hereby proclaim February 14, 1982, as

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY DAY

in South Dakota, and urge each citizen to recognize and support the vital service provided by this benevolent society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two



WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



ALICE KUNDERT
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE